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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

\* \* Henry J. Wheeler farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

6343 South 900 East

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Utah

— VICINITY OF

CODE

49

COUNTY

Salt Lake

CODE

035

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

— PRIVATE

— BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Salt Lake County (c/o Mr. Charles Baugh)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3383 South 300 East

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Utah

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Salt Lake City and County Building

STREET &amp; NUMBER

450 South State Street

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

State Register of Historic Sites

DATE

March 14, 1974

— FEDERAL ☒ STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Utah State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah 84102

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

#### Description:

Situated on the 75 acre Henry J. Wheeler farm is an adobe and brick home and several outbuildings, all constructed in 1898. There is, in addition to the home, a granary, ice house, chicken house, wood house and work shed, (A barn, also built in 1898, burned down in 1973.) Together, this complex of buildings, along with the fences, trees, stream, ice ponds, roads, etc., constitutes one of the few complete and operating historic farmsteads in the county.

#### The House---

Built upon a granite foundation, the interior walls were made of adobe, much of which was taken from a previous residence, while the exterior walls were of ochre brick, later painted white. There were eleven rooms in the house. The bottom floor had a pantry, kitchen-dining area, formal dining room, bathroom with walk-in closets, living room, parlor, large staircase and hall. Upstairs were four bedrooms with walk-in closets and one large central storage closet.

The interior was distinguished by its fine fireplaces, high ceilings, cherry and oak woodworking and beautiful staircase.

Changes made by the Madsen family included painting the fireplaces and staircase, combining the pantry and kitchen, dividing the living room and parlor and installing a central heating system.

The Wheeler home is modestly Victorian in style. The building is roughly "L" shaped and has an entry tower at the nexus of the "L." The tower has a steep hipped roof, while the main roof is gabled. An extensive porch covers the main entry into the tower while a smaller porch extends out from a side entry. A one-story hip roofed addition is situated at the rear of the home.

Decorative features include shingle siding and solid bargeboards with a wood-carved fan motif on the upper ends of the main gable. The second gable end is half octagonal and is covered with a hipped extension of the gabled roof. All window bays are square with 1/1 double hung sash windows. Painted white, the home is unpretentious but quietly stately.

The granary, wood house and work shed are adobe structures while the ice house and chicken house are wood.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1898 (home & outbuildings) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Sid Gills, Hans Yorgenson, Mr. Hayes

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry J. Wheeler farm is one of the few remaining turn-of-the-Century farmsteads in the Salt Lake Valley that has not been lost to the expanding housing developments of metropolitan Salt Lake City.

The farm was established by Henry J. Wheeler, the third son of English converts who jourined to Utah in 1852 as converts to the Mormon Church. Born February 18, 1866, Henry grew up on his father's farm in the South Cottonwood area. In 1886, at the age of twenty, he married Sariah Pixton and established his own farm in the vicinity of his father's farm. The present brick home and several outbuildings were constructed in 1898 by Sid Gills and Hans Yorgensen. A Mr. Hayes, employed by the Sugar House Lumber Company, was the carpenter for the interior woodwork. The home, according to the 1902 publication, Biographical Record of Salt Lake City and Vicinity, "...was planned by Mrs. Wheeler and reflects great credit upon her knowledge of architecture, as it is not only homelike and convenient, but one of the prettiest little farm houses to be found in the county.

The seventy-five acre farm is now owned by the Salt Lake County Recreation Department, who plan to develop the site as an early 1900 farmsted as a recreational and educational center for Salt Lake Valley's school children.

The farm, with its home, outbuildings, corrals, fields, wooded areas and stream, remains as the best preserved example of an 1890-1910 farmsted in Utah's most populated county.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Beverly Wheeler Mastrim, "History of the Henry J. Wheeler Farm." Manuscript, Utah State Historical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Biographical Record of Salt Lake City and Vicinity: Containing Biographies of Well-Known Citizens of the Past and Present, National Historical Record Company, Chicago, 1902.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 75 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 12 426365 4498660  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 12 427360 4498560  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 12 424440 4498000  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D 12 424360 4498000  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kent Powell/Preservation Historian and Allen D. Roberts/Architectural Historian  
ORGANIZATION

DATE

Utah State Historical Society  
STREET & NUMBER

April 21, 1975

603 E. South Temple  
CITY OR TOWN

TELEPHONE

801-328-5755

CITY OR TOWN

Salt Lake City

STATE

Utah

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Melvin T. Smith*

TITLE Melvin T. Smith, State Historic Preservation Officer DATE May 29, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Letting*

DATE

5/4/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

5-5-76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER